



BEDFORD SAFE CAMPAIGN

Gun Violence Prevention

A collaborative initiative sponsored by the Bedford Health Department, Bedford Board of Health, and Bedford Police Department

CHILDREN AND FIREARM STORAGE

Nationwide, it is estimated that approximately 4.6 million children live in households with firearms, that at times are kept loaded and unlocked.



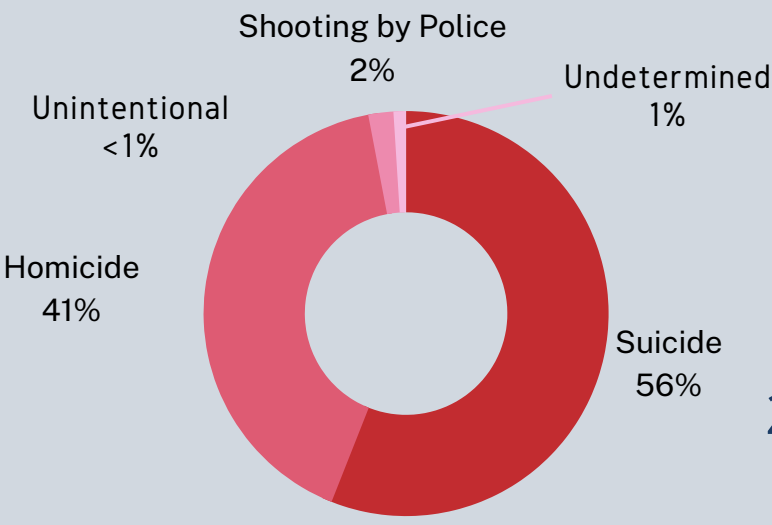
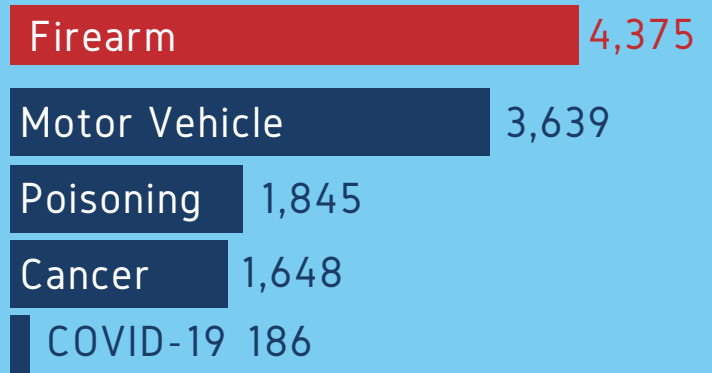
EASY ACCESS TO FIREARMS IN HOUSEHOLDS

Nearly one-fifth of adolescents in homes with 1 firearm report they could access a firearm in less than 5 minutes.

#1 CAUSE OF DEATH

Firearms are the leading cause of death for American children and teens.

Deaths in 2020

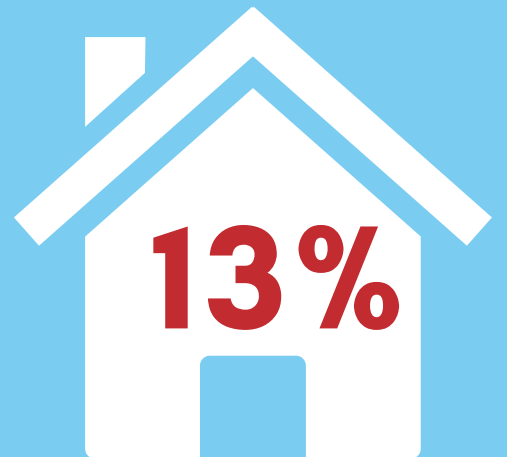


GUN DEATHS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Of gun deaths in Massachusetts from 2016-2020, 56% were suicides.

FIREARM LICENSES IN BEDFORD

There are over 700 firearm licenses issued to Bedford residents, meaning that up to 13% of households could have a gun.



Read about the Bedford Safe Campaign at www.bedfordma.gov/bedfordsafe



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